

I am opposed to Sinclair Broadcasting's decision, forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Like many others, I see this as a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

The privilege of using the public airwaves free of charge confers an obligation to serve the public interest fairly. Unfortunately, when large companies control the airwaves, profits and special interest tend to overwhelm the public's right to fair and balanced programming. If a local station does not feel that particular programming serves its community, that station should be free to determine whether or not to air.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.